



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

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## Crown of Lights Judges Brave the Storm

It may have been a dark and stormy night, but the weather gods smiled on this year's judges for the Queen Anne Historical Society's 20th annual "Crown of Lights" holiday lighting contest. The judging tour of Queen Anne was held Thursday night, Dec. 14. In the midst of the gathering storm the heavy rains abated and the fierce winds had not yet arrived, so the show went on.

Winners of the "On the Boulevard" category were **Bruce and Cecilia Beaman** at 1245 Bigelow Ave. N. The house, built in the early 1950s, sits high above the street. The Beamans have lived there for 20 years and their decorations have grown over time. He is a retired school principal and she is currently acting principal at Pacific Middle School in Des Moines. The judges were struck by the long lines and arches of blue and gold lights, contrasting with the vertical lines on the KING 5 television tower rising behind the house.

The "Off the Boulevard" category was won by **Frank and Rosanna Bellotti** at 1609 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W. The Victorian house was built in 1900 and has been converted from a WWII era duplex back into a single family home. The Bellottis have lived there for 17 years with their three children, Anthony, Carmen and Sophia, but Frank acknowledged that he is the one who has to put up the displays. The classic lines of the century-old house are outlined by tiny lights, echoed by the tree inside the front window. A 50-year-old Santa from Rosanna's father's shop tops the porch. The clean and old-fashioned look of the scene caught the judges' eyes. After the judges had made their rounds, the

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## LUMBER & SAWMILLS OF QUEEN ANNE WED. JAN. 24TH, 7:30 PM

Logging was Seattle's first industry and shaped all aspects of our city and of Queen Anne. Join us on Wednesday, January 24th to hear **Eric Erickson**, well known northwest researcher and author on logging and sawmills in King County. Eric will describe the early years of the lumber industry on and around Queen Anne. He is the author of a massive index of all King County lumber mills and has written several books on this topic. Most recently he has published a biography of Albert S. Kerry, Northwest Lumberman 1866-1939, whose grand house on W. Highland Drive still stands.

**Join your neighbors at this  
fascinating public meeting!**

**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007,  
7:30 pm**

**McClure Middle School Library  
First Ave W. and W. Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.

power went off at this house, returning on Saturday afternoon.

The judges consisted of Barbara Nelson, QA High School Alumni president;



Ballard shingle mill stack. Note man seated at right.  
Courtesy MOHAI

Michael Warren, QA Community Council board member; and John Hennes, QAHS president. The Society thanks them and our ever-faithful van driver, Del Loder. Prizes,

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wed. Jan. 24, 2007

*Program:* Lumber and Sawmills of QA, by Eric Erickson. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See p. 1)

### Wed. Mar. 28, 2007

*Program:* Still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Wed. May 23, 2007

*Program:* Still in work. Our annual meeting, McClure Middle School, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Sat. June 2, 2007

*School Event:* Coe School Centennial, details still in work.

### Sat. June 23, 2007

*Walking Tour:* The annual walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Time yet to be chosen. Free.

## Preservation Status for Treat House and Seventh Church

### Treat House

The Society received word on December 6th that the City Hearing Examiner ruled in favor of upholding the H.W. Treat House Landmark Designation. In making their ruling, the city used research on the market value of the property with the landmark designation.

The owners had 30 days to appeal the decision to the City Council. On the last day of that period they filed an appeal. Check our website for future updates of this process.

### 7th Church of Christ Scientist

The Society's Landmarks Preservation Chair, Char Eggleston, has been actively pursuing parties interested in purchasing and landmarking this property in conjunction with an adaptive reuse project, thereby preventing the demolition of this historic community church.

The applicant for the proposed demolition of the church and development of the underlying property stated in an email addressed to City Planner Catherine McCoy that he would agree to opt out of the contract if another buyer can be found who wants to save the building.

At present, there is at least one other serious buyer who is prepared to make an offer if the building is determined to be structurally sound.

Todd Perbix who is a principal of the firm Perbix Bykonen, has agreed to do a structural assessment of the church on a pro bono basis. Mr. Perbix was formerly associated with the consulting engineering firm who prepared a 1991 structural assessment for the Church membership.

The Queen Anne Community Council is drafting a letter to the Church membership requesting that they allow access to the property in order that this structural assessment can be updated by Mr. Perbix's firm.

While the Society remains sympathetic to the church membership's need to expedite the pending sale of their property, we feel strongly that the church has an obligation to the community to prevent the destruction of this historic building, if at all possible.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

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consisting of gift certificates to Vincenzo's restaurant, were provided by the Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce.



Off-the-Boulevard winner at 1609 2nd Ave. W.  
Photo by Bruce Jones

Runners-up included on-the-boulevard homes at 419 Wheeler St. and 2573 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. and the off-boulevard homes at 2309 Nob Hill Ave. N. and 1403 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. Last year's winner at 2562 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. again had a very imaginative display. The Society congratulates all participants for making Queen Anne so festive, despite the weather.

## HERITAGE NEWS

### Centennials Abound

Much of Queen Anne was developed in the period 1900 to 1910. The result is that many institutions and buildings are having their centennials now.

**2005** saw **John Hay** school hold its 100th anniversary, along with the **Harry Whitney Treat House**.

**2006** saw the **Queen Anne United Methodist Church** centennial at 5th Ave. W. and W. Garfield, and the **Queen Anne Christian Church** at 3rd Ave. W. and W. Lee.

**2007** will see the **Queen Anne United Presbyterian Church** at 5th Ave. W. and W. Howe and **Coe School**. A Coe Centennial celebration is planned for June 2. Details will come later. These and other centennials help us look at our past with appreciation. Perhaps your own house is having its 100th birthday—let us know.

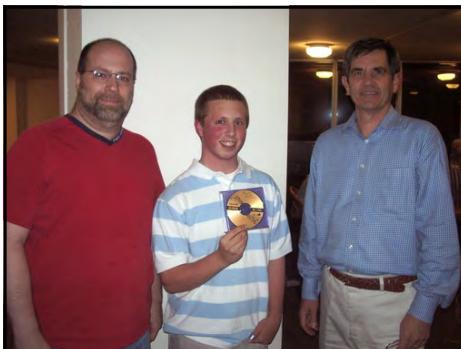
### Buy Our QA History On-Line

The QAHS web site, on-line at [www.QAHistory.org](http://www.QAHistory.org), has long been a portal to our local history and our society. Many inquiries, from all over the U.S. and the globe, come via the web. **Now people can purchase our history book and sign up for membership on-line.**

Go to the web site and follow the links to buy a book or to become a member. A credit card is required. The service is provided through Pay-Pal, a secure third-party business that is widely used for on-line commerce.

### Eagle Scout Project Benefits Society Archives

A recent Eagle Scout project by a Queen Anne Boy Scout, Peter Crane, has resulted in the addition to our archives of a set of contemporary home photos updating identical shots from the past in our collection.



(l-r) John DeRosa, Peter Crane and Bruce Jones display the Queen Anne photo slide show CD produced by Crane. Photo by John Hennes

### THE PRESIDENT'S DESK BY JOHN HENNES

At the start of this new year may I wish you all a happy holiday season and best wishes for 2007.

The Society in 2006 has seen successful efforts in several areas: the preservation of the Treat House and possible saving of the Seventh Church of Christ Scientist; the start up of the Historic Marker Program; the beginnings of the computerization of our archives; the expansion of our web site and inclusion of on-line purchases; and the continuation of our public programs and walking tours.

These efforts have, in several cases, been the result of efforts by our newer or younger board members. The years are slowing down some of us, myself included, and new contributors are needed to keep Queen Anne preservation and education moving. Perhaps you have some ideas you would like to pursue in this area?

### Welcome New Members

In the past few months the following new members have joined the QAHS. We welcome them to our efforts:

Laura Clinton & Duncan Manville

Charlotte Kelley

Megan Muir

Siiri Sampson

Janet Schultz

Carol Scoggin

Marita Sheeran

Carolyn Sheldon

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

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(\$40 for members)**

Please send me the following:  
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Hard cover cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coming up: Lumber and Sawmills of Queen Anne, at the Wed. Jan. 24th program at McClure, 7:30 pm. Story page 1.**

### KIM'S MUSINGS

#### *New Years, Good Years*

Somewhere in time, New Year's parties are still going on, reminding me that with each new year, I am just a little bit older, with memories of past celebrations on the Hill. My first recollections of New Year's festivities are ones with family, usually with a festive dinner and more than a few uncles, aunts, cousins and my immediate family celebrating. I still have the copper cowbell which we rang immediately at midnight New Year's Eve, which I did again for this New Year. It is noisy, and should frighten away any number of bad spirits, along with the nearest neighbors, and any dogs or cats in the vicinity.

New Year's day dinner was held either at our house on Queen Anne, at my Uncle Gene's home in Rainier Valley (later on Beacon Hill), or over in Bremerton at my Uncle Richard Hull's home. There were rarely less than ten of us, and I was nine years old when I first got to sit at the adult's table. There were always traditional dishes, either turkey or a huge "Dogpatch" ham, mashed or scalloped potatoes, salads which included just about every possible raw vegetable, Brussel sprouts or cauliflower with a homemade cheese sauce, and desserts to cause a fasting saint to recant. Aunt Margaret's Christ-

mas pie often made its appearance at this time, depending on whether we went there or they (Gene and Margaret) came to our house or Bremerton.

In the 1960s, as family grew up and began to go in separate ways, the family traditions were sometimes supplanted with visits to co-worker's homes. Eventually, there were too many of us to gather in any one home, until my sister's marriage, when she began living in a house that we all fit in. I can still remember, in 1957, coming back from Bremerton to find our house on 6th North had developed a leak which came through a corner of the dining room, caused by a failure in the tarpaper roofing around the chimney. This damaged some items of my Mom's, but was added to by the failure of the furnace, and snow which impeded immediate repairs. The only heat we had came from the kitchen oven, which was tolerable, but the upstairs was always cold in winter and too hot in summer.

So, with a New year before us, let us strive to remember those good gatherings in our pasts, maybe even write them down and give them to the Queen Anne Historical Society archive. Good memories of Queen Anne Hill are never tiresome! Happy new Year to you all.

*Kim R. Turner, Research Chair*

**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?**

**Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266**

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